Increase in slums

†1699. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any action plan to check rapid increase in slums in cities; and

(b) the total population of the country living in such slums?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) For integrated development of slums through projects for providing shelter, basic services and other related civic amenities to the urban poor, a sub-Mission of Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) as part of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) has been launched in select 63 cities with effect from 3.12.2005. In other cities and other towns an Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) has also been launched alongwith JNNURM. Both BSUP and IHSDP are demand driven programmes for which State/Urban Local Bodies/Parastatal agencies have to submit Project proposals as per the programme guidelines for getting Central Assistance.

(b) As per Census-2001, the total population of the country living in slums in cities with more than 5000 population is 42,578,150.

Foreign private players in realty sector

†1700. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to allow foreign private players in the realty sector;

(b) whether multinational Real Estate majors like Morgan Stanely Warlous Pineus and others would be allowed to set up township and hotels in Indian land; and

(c) whether Government would allow these companies to take over agricultural lands?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Government *vide* Press Note 2 (2005 Series) has allowed Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) up to 100% under the automatic route, in construction development projects, including housing, commercial premises, resorts, educational institutions, recreational facilities, city and regional level infrastructure, townships, subject to conditions of minimum capitalization and minimum area development. FDI is not permitted in any other activity of the Real Estate.

(c) In terms of Foreign Exchange Management (Acquisition and Transfer of Immovable Property in India) Regulations, 2000, a peson resident outside India can acquire immovable property in India which is necessary for or incidental to carrying on permissible activity. Acquisition of agricultural land/farm house/ plantation property by a person resident outside India is not permitted under these Regulations.

Beneficiaries of IHSDP, JNNURM AND BSUP

1701. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features and the genesis of the Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP), Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and Basic Services to urban Poor (BSUP);

(b) whether in selecting the beneficiaries, any reservation/percentage will be followed, with regard to SC/ST/OBC/Physically disabled persons/ EWS/LIG categories, etc. in each of above three schemes;

(c) what is the Centre-State share of funding, in these schemes; and

(d) the details of the funds allocated to Rajasthan during 2006-07, and the achievements thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The salient features and the genesis of Basic Services to Urban Poor (BSUP) of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and Integreated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) are enclosed as Statement-I (*See* below).